



## **Dr. Fernando A. Guerra**

San Antonio Metropolitan Health District Director

### **Career**

Dr. Guerra's professional career reflects a long-standing interest and involvement in pediatric care, public health and health policy. He has been active with local, regional and national forums with responsibilities including research, program and policy development, legislative issues and health planning.

The mission of the Metropolitan Health District and its 740 employees is to promote health and prevent disease among residents and visitors in San Antonio and unincorporated areas of Bexar County. Dr. Guerra oversees a budget of \$46 million and the operation of 32 health locations throughout the community.

Dr. Guerra is committed to improving access to health care systems for infants, women, children and the elderly. He is an advocate for the prevention of domestic violence and child abuse. He also initiated the organization of important community based efforts for prevention HIV infection, Teen Pregnancy, Immunization's Registries, and Vaccine preventable diseases. Dr. Guerra is a practicing pediatrician and prior to joining the City in 1987 he was the founder and medical director of the Barrio Family Health Clinic

### **Education**

- M.D. University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston
- M.P.H. Harvard School of Public Health, Boston
- B.A. University of Texas, Austin

### **Professional Memberships**

Urban Institute Board of Trustees; Secretary of Health's Advisory Committee to Reduce Infant Mortality; Center for Disease Control's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices; Institute of Medicine's Board on Children and Families; PEW Commission on Health Professions; American Academy of Pediatrics Project Advisory Committee on Healthy Tomorrows; Journal of Public Health Policy and Practice Editorial Board; National Association of City and

County Health Officials; Texas Association of Local Health Officers; Children's Environmental Health Centers Board of Directors; U.T. Health Science Center, San Antonio, Department of Pediatrics, clinical professor; Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine, adjunct professor in Public Health; National Association of County and City Health Officials, Board of Directors; National March of Dimes – Bioethics Committee; Federal Advisory Committee for the National Children's Study; New York Academy of Medicine; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services National Vaccine Advisory Committee.

### **Community Involvement**

He has served or is serving on the San Antonio Symphony, Board of Directors; San Antonio Children's Museum, Board of Directors; Barrio Family Health Center, founder and medical director; Witte Museum Board of Directors; South Texas Blood and Tissue Center Advisory Committee.

### **Honors**

James Peavy Award, Texas Public Health Association; Job Lewis Smith Award, American Academy of Pediatrics; Public Health Leadership Institute, founding scholar; Kellogg Fellow of the Harvard School of Public Health; University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Distinguished Professor Alumni Award; Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics; Army Commendation Medal, Bronze Star Medal; Army Commendation Certificate of Achievement; American Pediatric Society; Jonas Salk Award, March of Dimes; elected to membership in the Texas Academy of Medicine, Science and Engineering; Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, and New York Academy of Medicine.

### **Personal**

Dr. Guerra and his wife Beverly have six children.